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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 22, 1896.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HANSBROUGH presented the following

**PETITION OF CITIZENS OF NORTH DAKOTA, PRAYING FOR THE
RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY WITH THE TURTLE MOUNTAIN
BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS, RELATIVE TO THE DISPOSITION
OF CERTAIN LANDS IN THE DEVILS LAKE LAND DISTRICT.**

Hon. H. C. HANSBROUGH, W. N. ROACH, and M. N. JOHNSON :

Whereas a commission consisting of P. J. McCumber, John W. Wilson, and W. Woodville Flemming was appointed in 1892 to investigate the claims of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Indians to a large tract of land in the Devils Lake Land District, and to ascertain from a personal investigation who were members of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Indians; and

Whereas after due investigation said committee found a tract of land of between 8,000,000 and 10,000,000 acres lying north and west of Devils Lake, the Indian title of which has never been ceded to the Government and which is claimed by the Chippewas and their right to said land recognized by neighboring tribes. This commission was therefore forced to report that the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians has as valid and original Indian title to this entire tract of land as any Indian tribe had to any tract. The band insists on this claim, and in support of their claim the amount agreed upon is but a meager sum as compared with what the Government has paid for the relinquishment of other lands; and

Whereas the said Turtle Mountain Band of Indians did, in 1892, enter into a treaty with said commissioners, wherein and whereby they ceded and conveyed to the United States all the claim, estate, right, and title to all land, tenements, and hereditaments situated, lying, and being in the State of North Dakota, except that tract of land particularly mentioned and set apart by an Executive order of the President of the United States, bearing date the 3d day of June, A. D. 1884, being the reservation upon which said Turtle Mountain Indians are located; and in consideration of the cession and sale of said land the United States, by and through its commissioners, agreed to pay the said Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians the sum of \$1,000,000—\$50,000 annually for twenty years.

Now, therefore, we respectfully recommend that the treaty made as aforesaid between the said Indians and the United States be, by act of

Congress, ratified, and the claims of said Indians to said land recognized and disposed of as provided by said treaty, and for such other and further legislation as may be necessary:

Name.	Business.	Name	Business.
John Burke.....	State senator.	James O'Loughlin.....	Grain dealer.
John C. Hunt.....	County judge.	M. Harrison.....	Miller.
C. T. Wilbur.....	Cashier Rolette County Bank.	J. H. Lewis.....	Agent Great Northern Railway.
Ben Rae.....	Assistant Cashier Rolette County Bank.	S. A. Ransier.....	Farmer.
W. N. Steele.....	President Rolette County Bank.	Phil. J. Metler.....	Telegraph operator.
Jas. Dunphy.....	Superintendent of schools.	W. A. Duncan.....	County treasurer.
R. D. Cowan.....	Physician and surgeon.	Wm. H. Irvine.....	Elevator agent.
John J. McLaughlin.....	Farmer.	R. E. Rognas.....	Merchant.
James Millar.....	Do.	Allan Salt.....	Trader.
O. Skolet.....	Merchant.	H. E. Peterson.....	Ex-register of deeds.
T. T. Shell.....	Do.	John Ward.....	Justice of the peace.
W. J. Hoskins.....	Editor Turtle Mountain Star.	John Ward Irvine.....	Farmer.
W. D. Packard.....	Printer.	A. Charlevoix.....	Merchant.
E. A. Markell.....	Merchant.	A. Le Brun.....	Do.
Hillis Kyle.....	Do.	Wm. Schull.....	V. S.
Wm. Clarke.....	Do.	Frank Bush.....	Farmer.
Ira McMaster.....	Harness.	James W. Ward.....	Do.
J. E. McWilliams.....	Lumber.	Robert Costello.....	Do.
M. C. Laughlin.....	Hardware dealer.	Herman Shaver.....	Do.
Paul Lafrance.....	Grain buyer.	W. M. Hunt.....	Teacher.
J. A. Benoit.....	Merchant.	H. Frazier.....	Farmer.
J. D. Eaton.....	Publisher Turtle Mountain Times.	David Garrison.....	District attorney.
A. McDermid.....	Broker.	Wm. H. Becker.....	V. S. V. C.
Q. Q. Marcotte.....	Meat market.	Tom Lee.....	Farmer.
A. Marcotte.....	Do.	Peter N. Peterson.....	Do.
Jerry Ford.....	Wood merchant.	J. S. Conn.....	Catholic priest.
W. Widemyer.....	Merchant.	Rev. L. A. Shiver.....	Clerk.
C. R. Gailfus.....	Attorney.	Alp Cuellett.....	Farmer.
W. J. Taylor.....	Feed stable.	William Mitchell.....	Do.
A. A. Taylor.....	Livery.	James Cook.....	Do.
Guido Widemyer.....	Grain buyer.	A. Bennet.....	Do.
J. Pinkerton, M. D.....	Druggist.	Louis Cutter, jr.....	Do.
A. Armour.....	Farmer.	D. W. Leonard.....	Do.
Daniel Armour.....	Do.	O. Martin.....	Storekeeper.
Thomas Craig.....	Do.	R. C. Martin.....	Butcher.
W. V. Marsh.....	Do.	Thos. H. Ward.....	Farmer.
John Kyle.....	Do.	Andrew Smith.....	Postmaster.
L. Bush.....	Do.	Chas. Jolliffe.....	Farmer.
Arthur T. Sumner.....	Do.	R. Peyton.....	Do.
T. C. Flynn.....	Deputy United States marshal.	D. E. Hunt.....	Do.
N. O. Welkas.....	Hotel landlord.	J. E. Galloway.....	Do.
Henry Olson.....	Merchant.	John McLaughlin.....	Do.
J. E. Nelson.....	Do.	George Gardner.....	Do.
A. E. Rees.....	Do.	James Maloney, jr.....	Do.
W. Cressard.....	Farmer.	Geo. Hough.....	Do.
John Cain.....	Sheriff.	R. Dreury.....	Do.
Charles Jas. Partridge.....	City clerk, Rolla, N. Dak.	A. N. Bourask.....	Commissioner of Rolette County.
A. S. McLean.....	City marshal.	Emil Tounard.....	Postmaster, St. John.
A. O. Graham.....	County auditor.	Alfred Planette.....	Farmer.
Thomas Stageberg.....	Register of deeds.	Addalak Bourasse.....	Do.
H. H. Fritz.....	Clerk of district court.	Berdina Gagnon.....	Do.
M. Dealy.....	Bank of Rolla.	Fred Gagnom.....	Do.
J. E. Bradley.....	Barber.	Peter Thibert.....	Do.
A. Damblin.....	Shoemaker.	James Smith.....	Do.
C. G. Bennett.....	Jeweler.	Frank McKnight.....	Do.
Henry McIntyre.....	Carpenter.	Fred Tooke.....	Do.
J. E. Brown.....	Elevator agent.	Edward Laberge.....	Ex. U. S. C.
Elias Paupet.....	Farmer.	Wm. P. Hutcheson.....	Ex-postmaster.
		F. Martinson.....	Farmer.
		Geo. Latrace.....	Blacksmith.
		S. B. Cameron.....	Deputy United States marshal.
		Fred. W. Schindler.....	